



Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

We had our first Anti-Racist Action Group meeting with parents yesterday evening. I would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who came to that forum on Zoom. We had lots of really interesting conversations and very good points were raised – I'm so grateful to you all for sharing your experiences too. We set some actions at the end of the meeting too, these included:

- Better and more consistent communication from us to you over what your children are learning in school, especially in relation to anti-racism and the de-colonisation of our curriculum
- Creating a Padlet for all members of the Haseltine community to share ideas about what we can do to become an anti-racist school and to create a curriculum worthy of our children– including links to reading, research, podcasts and webinars
- Creating a list for parents of books to share with children
- Setting up future anti-racist parent forums – one per half term; our next one will be on Thursday 3rd December at 4pm.

We will send out the full minutes of the meeting soon.

I just wanted to share a link with you for a video clip on You Tube. This clip, for me, really makes it incredibly clear why the work that we are doing at Haseltine needs to be done; it is in my mind during every conversation we have & every decision we are making.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRZPw-9sJtQ>

Thank you to everyone for making such an effort to wear red today. Today was about a day of action – a day to show that we stand together against racism. It is a national day that takes place annually – it originally started through football: 'Show Racism the Red Card' but has now spread through to schools, colleges and businesses taking part. Like all of these types of days, it doesn't mean that we don't stop thinking about anti-racism on other days (equally it doesn't mean that people who didn't wear red are racist) it just helps us to start the incredibly valuable conversations that need to be taking place. So thank you to you and to your children for being a part of this.

Take care everyone, look after each other.

Best wishes,

Sara Anderman

COVID & London lockdown

I'm sure that you will have seen in the news that London is becoming a Tier 2 zone at the weekend. Although this does not affect the routine of the school day, there is one new restriction that we must all be aware of:

*Rules state that you must not meet socially with friends or family indoors in any setting unless you live with them, or have formed a **support bubble** with them.*

This will put a stop to play dates, I'm afraid. Children who walk home alone need to be reminded that they must not be going to each other's homes or to any other indoor settings together.

Thank you for wearing your masks to the gate, we really appreciate you trying to keep us all safe.

Punctuality at Haseltine

It is so, so important that you arrive at school for dropping off & picking up your child/ren on time. Please don't come too early as you will end up waiting, and definitely don't come too late. It is so unsettling for children when they come in late and they also become upset when you are late. Many thanks.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

I'm sure that you will have all realised by now that our regular Parent Evenings cannot take place this year – we cannot have parents coming into the building to meet with teachers, I'm afraid.

Instead, we have a bought into a website called School Cloud. This will allow you to book your 10 minute appointment online with your child's/children's teacher/s. You will then be sent a link to a video call with that teacher.

Times are restricted to 10 minutes so that we can fit you all in, and the video call will automatically stop after the allotted time. It is therefore really, really important that you are ready to start the call at the correct time.

Details, including how to access the website, will follow soon. If you are worried about accessing this in any way, please come and have a chat with me on the gate.

The dates for these meetings will be during the week of the 9th November.

Half term

Don't forget that there is no school in the week beginning 26th October, it is our half term holiday. We break up on the 23rd and despite what you may have seen on the news, this is just a one week break. We come back on Monday 2nd November. If the government makes any new announcements to contradict this, we will contact you immediately.

Have a lovely weekend everybody, see you next week.